



NSBC Newsletter



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David Fryda

NSBC President Christmas Message

Well, I am struggling to work out how to start this month's article. I was hoping last month that the worst of 2020 was behind us and that a better year was not far away. Since then, as most would know, our Club manager, Mike Prescott, suffered a heart attack and has subsequently undergone major surgery. At the time of writing, he is recovering in hospital and will be heading home soon.

I am extremely grateful to John McIlrath for coming to our rescue and stepping in to help the club continue operations. Through John's introduction we have brought Gary Barwick onboard to manage our online bridge games and Sue Crompton is managing the expansion of our face-to-face games currently at East Lindfield.

John himself has had a (scheduled) hip operation this week, I visited him in hospital yesterday where I found him in great spirits and starting to get some leg movement already! It is amazing what the surgeons can do these days!

Both Mike and John are being encouraged to focus on their convalescence and I wish them a speedy recovery. We all look forward to seeing them back at work when they are fit enough.

In the meantime, as we are rapidly approaching the holidays, I hope you are all looking forward to playing more bridge in 2021. From my perspective the transition of our online games from BBO to RealBridge is going well. Whilst there have, not unexpectedly, been some technical teething for some players, the playing experience on RealBridge has been welcomed

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by most members as it is so much more like playing face-to-face than BBO. Gary and the team are working on some aides to help those of you who are still finding it difficult and, in the meantime, please do not hesitate to reach out to Gary if you need some help.

We have now expanded our face-to-face bridge sessions at East Lindfield with the introduction of a Monday afternoon session. In line with Government restrictions, we have increased the maximum number of tables to sixteen. We are still using the larger tabletops; hand sanitiser is provided on all tables and players are required to register their attendance so that we can comply with contact tracing requirements. We plan to introduce more face-to-face sessions in the new year including at least one Rookie and Restricted session.

The Willoughby Legion Club is currently only operating limited hours and those of you who played there regularly will know that there were numerous infrastructure issues in our playing space. The Committee feels that with player and staff safety being paramount, we will not reopen at that facility for the moment. We are actively pursuing both short- and long-term alternatives and I hope that we will have some good news on that front in the new year. In the meantime, I encourage those of you who have not yet played at East Lindfield to give it a try. In the new year we will be re-introducing our Thursday night competition events, open to both members and non-members. More information can be found within this newsletter for the first two events which will be run on RealBridge.

Hopefully, we will be able to transition these back to our clubrooms soon although we may explore the ongoing option to play in these events online. I encourage all players who are keen to improve their bridge to participate. I know from my own experience that the best way to improve is to play against better players.

I would like to remind you that in recognition of the disruption to bridge in 2020 we have reduced club membership fees by \$20 for all members who renew by the end of February 2021. If you are on the Pre-Pay system, your \$50 membership fee will be automatically deducted from your account so please check your December statement when you receive it to ensure you have sufficient funds in there. For everyone else please submit your subscription fee before the end of February to take advantage of the discount. As a reminder, we currently require you to be enrolled in the Pre-Pay system to play in our regular duplicate games both online and face-to-face.

I would like to convey my thanks to everyone who completed our recent member survey. We received over 750 responses. The committee is reviewing the responses and we will communicate not only the results of the survey in the new year but also the actions we plan to take as a result of your constructive input.

So, as we come to the end of what has been a tumultuous year by anyone is reckoning, I would like to convey my appreciation to several groups and individuals for their contributions:

- To all members for their understanding and support as we have had to implement changes
- To my fellow committee members, current and past, for giving their time and effort to help the club get past the challenges
- To Leo Goorevich who not only maintains our website but has tirelessly led the effort to find new clubrooms. We are not there yet but Leo has contributed a vast number of hours investigating the feasibility of countless options
- To Kevin and Ian for the great job they do producing our monthly newsletters

- The teaching staff for their amazing efforts in delivering what has always been an exceedingly high quality in-person learning experience as an equally outstanding online experience
- The directing team for not only quickly learning how to direct online but also for being so patient and helpful with all the members who do not find the online experience to be easy.
- Mike and the admin team, including staff and volunteers, who have worked day and night seven days a week to keep our club functioning and offering the best possible bridge playing experiences under the circumstances
- And finally, to John and Mike, my heart felt wishes for their speedy recovery.

For those of you who celebrate it, Merry Christmas! And to everyone, have a wonderful end of the year and I hope the biggest change in 2021 will be that we return to playing bridge at the club as soon as possible.

David

Kind Regards
David Fryda NSBC President

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Thursday Night Competitions

The first competition night event in 2021 will be the "Blue Ribbon Swiss Pairs". This 3-week swiss pairs event will be held in January.



BLUE RIBBON
Swiss Pairs Championship
Now on RealBridge in 2021
3 Thursday Night Sessions: 7:00pm
7th, 14th & 21st January

Must enter for all 3 nights (subs allowed) via website
 Members qualifying event for 2021 Club Champion (Brownie Cup)
 Prizes dependant on entry

Red Points
\$30 / 3 nights Members (PP)
\$39 / 3 nights Non Members
(Credit card or bank transfer)

Entries must be registered on our website & paid in full on or before the first night

<https://www.northshore.bridge-club.org/bridge/lbc/upcoming-events>

Club Statistics

Club Dashboard Statistics	Nov	Dec
Tables played last 30 days - BBO or RB or F2F (EL)	1420	1078
Current Club Membership	1901	1898



Gary Barwick

**NSBC
Online
operations
manager**

Mobile 0413 884805

The club has appointed **Gary Barwick** to oversee all our **online** bridge operations. Gary will be familiar to those of you who have played on the Central Coast or in some regional NSW congresses. He is actively involved in bridge administration, directing and has great technical credentials.

Please reach out to Gary if you have any queries regarding online bridge. Gary's email

address is garybarwick@outlook.com and his phone number is 0413 884 805.

RealBridge is now our online platform of choice, all Open, Restricted, Rookie, and Supervised sessions are now on RealBridge. We have stopped using BBO.



We have received a lot of positive feedback on RealBridge but some members have had some issues. It does take a couple of sessions to get used to it, but we are confident it will allow us not only to continue to offer you a quality bridge playing experience but that it will continue to be enhanced over time.

We have **unlimited session numbers** when playing in RealBridge. We currently offer over 22 RealBridge sessions per week, graded for your choice.

- 24 boards – all **Open** sessions
- 21 boards - **Restricted** (<300 MP) sessions.
- 18 boards - **Rookie** (<100 MP) sessions
- 15 boards - **Supervised** sessions

To be eligible to play you will need to be registered on the club's "**PP**" system (prepaid) and your account will be debited **\$8** for each session that you play online in our RealBridge. The 5% reduction of table fees for PP participants **does not** apply on RealBridge.

If you are not on the NSBC Pre-Paid system you need to join **ASAP** - simply click the link below, go to the Pre-Paid section and make a Top-Up and we will set you up with a new account or top your existing account.

You will be emailed a statement at the end of each month.

<https://www.northshore.bridge-club.org/payments-with-cart>

During the Christmas festive break, we will be offering restricted numbers of bridge sessions.

Effectively we are offering only **Afternoon games** during the break, whilst also closing for 4 full days. See table below

Real Bridge Xmas Sessions				
Day	Date	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Thursday	24th December	Closed	Closed	Closed
Friday	25th December	Closed	Closed	Closed
Saturday	26th December	Closed	Closed	Closed
Sunday	27th December	Closed	Open @ 1:00	Closed
Monday	28th December	Closed	Open @ 1:30 & Rookie @ 2:00	Closed
Tuesday	29th December	Closed	Open @ 1:30 & Rookie @ 2:00	Closed
Wednesday	30th December	Closed	Open @ 1:30 & Rookie @ 2:00	Closed
Thursday	31st December	Closed	Open @ 1:30 & Restricted @ 1:30	Closed
Friday	1st January	Closed	Closed	Closed
Saturday	2nd January	All normal sessions resume		



Sue Crompton

**NSBC
F2F
Operations
Manager**

Mobile 0416 290 867

COVID Newsflash

With the latest outbreak of cases in Sydney's Northern Beaches the club is contacting all people who have played face-to-face bridge since 11 December to determine whether there is any risk of exposure having occurred. We will update all players if we determine there has been a risk of exposure.

Given the latest coronavirus cluster on the Northern Beaches the F2F session scheduled for Monday 21/Dec has been cancelled. The situation is being monitored and a decision on future F2F sessions will be made closer to when they are due to recommence in January. All online games will continue as advertised.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Kind Regards David Fryda

Face to Face (F2F) bridge is increasing, as we have had some further restrictions eased, we are able to offer another session at 1.15 on Mondays at 2b Carlyle Road, East Lindfield.

Please ensure you book in on our website and arrive 15 minutes before the session starts. We have also been able to increase the number of

tables from **10 to 16** at all F2F sessions at East Lindfield.

You still need to book in on our NSBC website. There will be no provision for walk-ins. If you are having trouble booking in, please contact Sue Crompton (Mobile 0416 290 867) and she will book you in if there is space. If you would like to play a F2F session but do not have a partner, please contact Sue and she will try her best to find you a partner

Bookings Via:

<https://www.northshore.bridge-club.org/bridge/lbc/upcoming-events>

The F2F sessions are currently reserved for **Members only** and normal table Fees apply.

There is no change to the **\$12** amount we charge members for face-to-face bridge sessions.

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Please note that the COVID health precautions remain largely in place. You must not attend the club if any of the following applies:

- You have flu-like symptoms.
- You have had close contact with someone with flu-like symptoms in the last 14 days.
- You have returned, or had close contact with someone who has returned, from overseas or a hot spot area in the last 14 days.
- You have a confirmed case of Covid-19
- You are a close contact of a COVID-19 positive person.

Hand sanitiser will be available for players to use before entering the club room. If there is a queue, you are required to maintain no less than 1.5 m between each person.

Upon entry of the club, there will be a table in the foyer. Here you will need to have a temperature check and answer some basic

questions regarding your health. Use your COVID Safe app on your mobile upon entry. If you do not have one, no problem, someone will be there to help you.

Currently we are not offering any face-to-face bridge at our old Club Willoughby premises. Face-to-Face sessions at East Lindfield (Rollers) are closed with the club over the Christmas break and a restart planned for 4th January.

Day	Date	F2F @ EL
Monday	22nd December	Closed
Thursday	24th December	Closed
Monday	28th December	Closed
Thursday	31st December	Closed
Monday	4th January	Restart?

Challenge Hand 1

North ♠ AT4 ♥ 75 ♦ AQJ53 ♣ Q65	Matchpoint pairs Dealer: East EW Vul East opens the bidding with 1♥ vulnerable. West will compete by jumping to 3♥ How do you bid this hand to the best NS spot?
South ♠ QJ9652 ♥ 82 ♦ K96 ♣ AJ	

Challenge Hand 2

North ♠ 9643 ♥ AK875 ♦ AK ♣ KQ	Matchpoint pairs Dealer: South East/West remain silent How do you bid this hand to the best NS spot?
South (D) ♠ KQJT2 ♥ J6 ♦ J54 ♣ A73	

Challenge Hand 3

North ♠ 8 ♥ 852 ♦ 6432 ♣ KJ743	Matchpoint pairs Dealer: South NS Vul Over your 1♥ opening, East bids 2♥ (Michaels cue bid, showing 5/5 Spades and a Minor) How do you bid this hand to the best NS spot?
South (D) ♠ AKQ5 ♥ KQJT6 ♦ T ♣ A85	



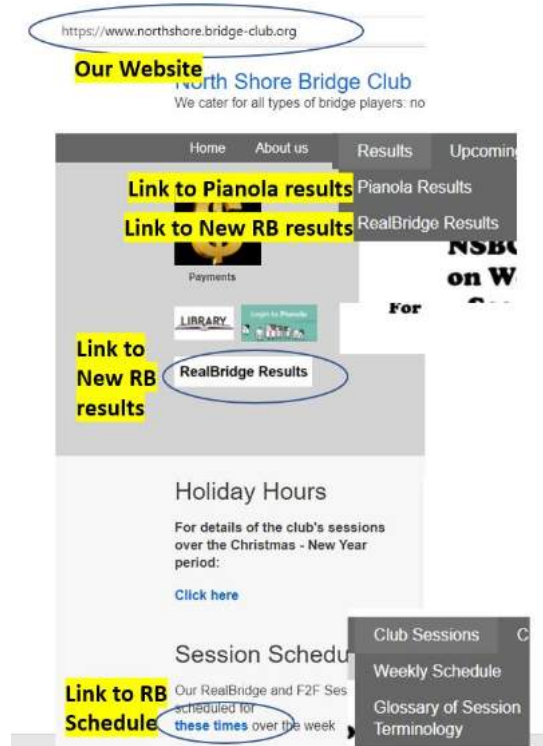
Visit the NSBC club Website

Leo Goorevich
NSBC Web Master

Have you visited our club website? **Come and explore!**

<http://www.northshore.bridge-club.org/>

Screen shots: Partial website View



The "Results" menu item

- the Pianola Results menu item leads to Pianola, that will still be retained as our master results storage, with all BBO, F2F and RB session results.
- The new **"RealBridge Results"** menu item leads to the new event session results table with extra features

You can use this link to go directly to the NSBC Schedule. Load this into your browser favourites.

<https://www.northshore.bridge-club.org/node/1231>

Also, via the **"these times"** link on our front page as shown above, or via the pull down in the Results Menu

The New "Schedule Page"

Weekly Schedule of Sessions

For any - and all questions related to RealBridge, please contact:

Gary Barwick 0413 884 805 or email [Gary](mailto:Gary@northshore.bridge-club.org)

Note **Holiday Hours**

Week starting 21 December:

Day	Venue	Cat.	Event	Registration	Play Start
Mon	RB	Open	CLICK HERE FOR LINK	M 10 min before start	10:00 AM
	RB	Open	CLICK HERE FOR LINK	A 10 min before start	1:30 PM
	RB	Rookie	CLICK HERE FOR LINK	A 10 min before start	2:00 PM
	RB	Supervised	CLICK HERE FOR LINK	E 10 min before start	7:00 PM
Tues	RB	Open	CLICK HERE FOR LINK	M 10 min before start	10:00 AM
	RB	Supervised	CLICK HERE FOR LINK	M 10 min before start	10:30 AM
	RB	Open	CLICK HERE FOR LINK	A 10 min before start	1:30 PM
	RB	Rookie	CLICK HERE FOR LINK	A 10 min before start	2:00 PM
Wed	RB	Open	CLICK HERE FOR LINK	M 10 min before start	10:00 AM
	RB	Open	CLICK HERE FOR LINK	A 10 min before start	1:30 PM
	RB	Rookie	CLICK HERE FOR LINK	A 10 min before start	2:00 PM
	RB	Open	CLICK HERE FOR LINK	E 10 min before start	7:00 PM
Thurs	RB	Open	Holidays		Closed
Fri	RB	Open	Holidays		Closed
Sat	RB	Open	Holidays		Closed
Sun	RB	Open	CLICK HERE FOR LINK	A 10 min before start	1:00 PM
Code			M = morning, A = Afternoon, E = Evening		
Venue Codes: RB = Real Bridge, EL/CW = F2F venues					

You just click in the appropriate session link to initiate the login page to enter the session.

The new **"RealBridge Results"**: Lists event sessions played in the RealBridge system

Results - Last 30 Days	
We have subscribed to Pianola, a powerful new results display facility.	
Filter by day	All sessions
DATE	SESSION
2-DEC-20	NSBC WEDNESDAY OPEN 10.00AM (2-DEC-20)
1-DEC-20	NSBC TUESDAY OPEN 1.30PM (1-DEC-20)
1-DEC-20	NSBC TUESDAY OPEN 10.00AM (1-DEC-20)

Just click on the event of interest.

Each session opens with the results list

NSBC Wednesday Open 10.00am (2-Dec-20)			
Place	Result	%	Pair Name
1	336.0	67.43%	KEVIN DAVIES - ELLI URBACH (1)
2	326.0	65.24%	SANDY KARLAN - JOHN POTTRAM (2)
3	316.0	63.05%	RENE SHARP - ADRIENNE SACKS (3)
4	276.0	55.20%	SAR BAILEY - PEAR CAMPBELL (4)
5	266.0	53.01%	THALMA SHAR - BARBARA KALSH (5)
6	256.0	50.82%	TINA DODD - OLIVIA SANDER (6)
7	246.0	48.63%	LORENZO ORILL - CAMELIE HIRSCHOWITZ (7)
8	236.0	46.44%	BLANA SACKS - BARBARA ROTHENBERG (8)
9	226.0	44.25%	KEVIN LEVISON - JUDY MCGILL (9)
10	216.0	42.06%	TAMARA SAMUELS - HANDEL EYSTEIN (10)
11	206.0	39.87%	SHARON THOMPSON - BECKY O'CONNELL (11)
12	196.0	37.68%	HELEN SHERIDAN - BRIAN O'BRIEN (12)

You can click on any "partnership name", and this will pop up the Traveller view with board-by-board match point results.

Board No vs Pr	Contract	Lead	Result	Score	Matchpoints	%
Board 1 11: PRUE SIEMSGLUSS / JUDY TWIGG	2NT W	HT	10	-180	9	41%
Board 2 11: PRUE SIEMSGLUSS / JUDY TWIGG	4♥ E	CT	8	100	22	100%
Board 3 11: PRUE SIEMSGLUSS / JUDY TWIGG	4♥ W	ST	10	-130	7	32%
Board 4 10: JANE LOVEDAY / KAREN DOECKE	5♥ W	D4	11	-600	21	95%
Board 5 10: JANE LOVEDAY / KAREN DOECKE	5♥ E	CQ	8	150	22	100%
Board 6 10: JANE LOVEDAY / KAREN DOECKE	4♥ W	HA	11	-150	20	91%
Board 7 9: CAROLYN CARNACHAN / JUDY MCGILL	3♥ S	C6	9	140	20	91%
Board 8 9: CAROLYN CARNACHAN / JUDY MCGILL	5♥ W	SJ	11	-400	16	73%
Board 9 9: CAROLYN CARNACHAN / JUDY MCGILL	3NT S	S2	6	-150	5	23%

"Go to Board Details" at the bottom of the results list - this pops up a complex page for each board, showing Partnership results, Board cards, result frequencies per Board.

Board	Partnership	Contract	Lead	Result	Score	Matchpoints	%
1	KEVIN DAVIES - ELLI URBACH	2NT W	HT	10	-180	9	41%
2	SANDY KARLAN - JOHN POTTRAM	4♥ E	CT	8	100	22	100%
3	RENE SHARP - ADRIENNE SACKS	4♥ W	ST	10	-130	7	32%
4	SAR BAILEY - PEAR CAMPBELL	5♥ W	D4	11	-600	21	95%
5	THALMA SHAR - BARBARA KALSH	5♥ E	CQ	8	150	22	100%
6	TINA DODD - OLIVIA SANDER	4♥ W	HA	11	-150	20	91%
7	LORENZO ORILL - CAMELIE HIRSCHOWITZ	3♥ S	C6	9	140	20	91%
8	BLANA SACKS - BARBARA ROTHENBERG	5♥ W	SJ	11	-400	16	73%
9	KEVIN LEVISON - JUDY MCGILL	3NT S	S2	6	-150	5	23%

Note: the camera icon allows you to see all the bidding and play by that partnership in a BBO video play pack arrangement.

D	N Kevin Davies	W N E S
1	♠ 952	2♥ P 2♥
	♥ AJ10975	P P X P
	♦ Q82	2NT P P P
	♣ 3	
W j twigg	♠ KJ10	E prue Siemsglues
	♥ K83	♠ AQ84
	♦ A5	♥ Q62
	♣ Q10764	♦ KJ
		♣ J952
	S Elli urbach	
	♠ 763	
	♥ 4	
	♦ 1097643	
	♣ AK8	
	2NT W	NS: 0 EW: 0

You just click the next button to advance the video play sequences. You can review how you played the hand, and then go to the match point winner, repeat the process to see how they played the hand. **Potentially a great learning tool.**

NSBC Competitive Results

pos	BBO Red Point Pairs (20T limit) Thursday 26/Nov	%
NS 1	Maryann Vella & Fiona Russell	60.70
NS 2	David Smee & Alexis Ngan	57.77
EW 1	Prue & Thomas Siemsglue	67.65
EW 2	Helen Lowry & Francis Lyons	55.52



Maryann



Fiona



Thomas & Prue

pos	RealBridge Red Point Pairs Thursday 3/Dec	%
1	Linda Aubusson & Jeanette Abrams	61%
2	Jane & Phillip Beeby	56%
3	Lorna & Manie Ichilcik	56%



Linda



Jeanette

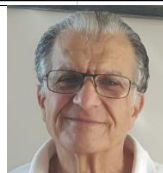


Jane



Phillip

pos	RealBridge Red Point Pairs Thursday 10/Dec	%
1	George Finikiotis & Kevin Davies	67%
2	Craig Mietzke & Terry Dunne	56%
3	Fiona Russell & Maryann Vella	53%



George



Kevin



Craig



Terry

pos	RealBridge Red Point Pairs Thursday 17/Dec	%
1	John Mottram & Helen Christie	57%
2	Janice Olevson & Felix Shteyman	56%
3	George Finikiotis & Kevin Davies	56%



John



Helen



Janice



Felix

NSBC Congress Winners: **Well done**

	Woolstonecraft Open IMP Swiss Pairs (BBO)	Imp
1	Steven Bock & Kevin Davies	64
2	Patrick Redlich & Tom Grapham	43
3	Hamid Sadigh & Denise Barnes	42



Steven



Kevin

Two teams with NSBC members made the round of 8 (Quarterfinals) in the ABF teams.

ABF Online Teams	Qualifying Top 8 Teams (RB)	VP	W-D-L
4	Michael WILKINSON - Jane BEEBY - Kate MCCALLUM - Helen LOWRY	96	6-0-2
7	Martin BLOOM - Mathew VADAS - Shane HARRISON - George FLEISCHER	89	5-0-3



Michael



Jane



Kate



Helen



Martin



Mathew



Shane



George

	ABF Online Team Consolation Swiss Pairs	VP
1	James Wallis - Bill Nash	79.25
2	Chris Dibley - Michael Seldon	69.81
3	Lee Dreyer - Frank Dreyer	69.16



Frank & Lee

Spring Nationals (Online) winners

ABF Online Spring Nats Open Swiss Matchpoint Pairs (RB)		Cum %	
1	Nicky Strasser & George Bilski	572	
2	Arjuna De Livera & George Kozakos	551	
3	Julian Foster & Jenna Gibbons	550	



Nicky Strasser



George Bilski

ABF Online Spring Nats Restricted Swiss Matchpoint Pairs (RB)		Cum %	
1	Richard Carter & Jay Novak	604	
2	John Russell & Judith Parsons	565	
3	Mary Poynten & Tony White	561	

Our Competition Night (Jan / Feb)

Men's & Women's Pairs

Now on **RealBridge** in 2021

3x Thursday Night Sessions: 7:00pm

28th January, 4th and 11th February

If a enough entries; separate Men's and Women's Fields
Enter for all 3 nights (Subs are allowed)
Members qualifying event for 2021 Club Champion (Brownie Cup)
Prizes dependant on entry

Red Point Event

\$30 / 3 nights Members (PP)

\$39 / 3 nights Non Members

(Credit card or bank transfer)

Other Online Congress Results

NSWBA (Monday) Online Swiss Matchpoint Pairs (RB)		%
1	Tony Nunn & Paul Dalley	471
2	Warren Lazer & Pauline Gumby	459
3	Liz Adams & Andrew Peak	453
4	Neil Ewart & Simon Henbest	448

Central Coast Open IMP Pairs (BBO)		VP	W-D-L
1	Lavy Libman & Tomer Libman	84	4-0-2
2	George Bilski & Ron Speiser	75	4-1-1
3	Andrew Markovics & Tony Burke	47	5-0-1
4	Steven Bock & Kevin Davies	38	4-1-1

ABF Online Teams Qualifying Top 8 Teams (RB)		VP	W-D-L
1	James COUTTS - Glen COUTTS - Nick JACOB - Geo TISLEVOLL - Justin MILL - Tony NUNN - Liam MILNE	118	6-0-2
2	Serhat OZENIR - Bulent KAYTAZ - Eva SAMUEL - Burak BASKAN - Sinan TATLICIOGLU	105	6-0-2
3	Pauline GUMBY - Warren LAZER - Bruce NEILL - Ron COOPER	97	5-0-3
4	Michael WILKINSON - Jane BEEBY - Kate MCCALLUM - Helen LOWRY	96	6-0-2
5	Julia HOFFMAN - Christopher QUAIL - Therese TULLY - Richard WARD - Richard BRIGHTLING - David HOFFMAN	90	4-0-4
6	Neil EWART - Ian ROBINSON - Andrew BRAITHWAITE - Arjuna DE LIVERA - George KOZAKOS - George SMOLANKO - Elizabeth MAVAS	89	4-0-4
7	Martin BLOOM - Mathew VADAS - Shane HARRISON - George FLEISCHER	89	5-0-3
8	David MORGAN - Brad COLES - Stephen FISCHER - Jodi TUTTY - Peter REYNOLDS - David APPLETON	85	5-0-3

ABF Online Teams Finals			
Teams	Q/F IMPs	S/F IMPs	Final Imps
1 COUTTS	55.1		
2 BLOOM	63.0	37.0	
3 OZENIR	37.1	84.1	68
4 MORGAN	26.0		
6 WILKINSON	61.0		
5 GUMBY	86.1	74.1	154
7 HOFFMAN	47.1	46.0	
8 EWART	41.0		

ABF & NSWBA Newsletters

Just click on these links

[Australian Bridge Federation » ABF Newsletter \(December 2020\)](#)

[Congress News | NSW Bridge Association \(nswba.com.au\)](#)

November Masterpoint Promotions

Due to lock down and limited masterpoint files processed by the ABF Masterpoint Centre by the **end of October**, there have been limited promotions in Masterpoint ranks. This has improved with NSBC issuing masterpoint awards for all BBO sessions.

From East Lindfield:

Member	HOME CLUB	Promoted to RANK at end of November
Francis, Joan	EL	**Local

And from Club Willoughby

Member	HOME CLUB	Promoted to RANK at end of November
Mottram, John	CW	Gold Grand
Thomas, Marjorie	CW	Grand
Long, Sandy	Noosa	Life
Steward, Janice	CW	**National
Harvey, Marie	CW	Regional
Hilder, Graeme	CW	*Local
Hilder, Deborah	CW	*Local
Campbell, Di	CW	Local
Brodie, John	CW	Local
Lockley, Ann	CW	Local
Cozens, Jane	CW	Club
Sher, Sharon	CW	Club
Isman, Karen	CW	Graduate



John Mottram

Well Done

Our ex-President reaches the master Point rank of **"Gold Grand Master"**. His harem of bridge partners has supported him to this great height!



Mimi Thomas

Well Done

In December Marjorie, attained the Master Point rank of

Grand Master

Most Improved NSBC players, by Masterpoint Centre analysis for 2020 to date are:

East Lindfield Report:

Member	HOME CLUB	Most Improved	Improv Rank
Shteyman, Felix	EL	Regional	2,313
Halse, Tony	EL	Regional	1,033
Fendel, Michele	EL	*Local	887
Osborne, Brian	EL	State	681
Mullineux, Don	EL	*Regional	681
Harrington, Mary	EL	*Regional	660
Walker, Robyn	EL	Local	588
Bartrop, John	EL	*Regional	586
Daridis, Marg	EL	Local	576
Kneprath, Marg	Brick	*Regional	574
Ferster, Sara	EL	Club	570
Aubrey, Owen	EL	Regional	565

ABF formula for Most Improved Player =

$$\frac{\text{Points This Year} * 10000}{\text{Total Points} + 100}$$

Club Willoughby Report:

Member	HOME CLUB	Most Improved	Improv Rank
Siemsglue, Thomas	CW	State	2,181
Robinson, Peter	CW	*National	1,791
Ampherlaw, Jo	CW	**Local	1,439
Beeby, Jane	CW	Silver Life	1,365
Van Weeren, Hans	CW	Silver Life	1,290
Chey, Tien	CW	Regional	1,252
Liu, Wenjie	CW	State	1,227
Mountjoy, Tim	CW	Life	1,198
Gordon, Sue	CW	Regional	1,184
Bishop, Michael	CW	State	1,153
Shand, Eva	K&Q	Bronze Life	1,130
Rogers, Robyn	CW	Regional	1,110
Carter, Mary	CW	*State	1,103
Xie, Ming	CW	State	1,078
Doecke, Karen	CW	*Local	1,064

ABF MASTER RANKINGS					
Rank	Minimum Requirements				NSBC Rank Sess
	Total	Green	Red & Gold	Gold	
Graduate	2	2			R o o k i e
Club	5	5			
Local	15	15			
*Local	25	25			
**Local	35	35			
Regional	50	50			R e s t r i c t e d
*Regional	100	100			
State	50	25	25		
*State	100	50	50		
National	150	75	75		
*National	200	100	100		O p e n
**National	300	150	150		
Life	300	120	180	30	
Bronze Life	400	160	240	40	
Silver Life	500	200	300	50	
Gold Life	750	300	450	75	
Grand	1000	300	700	200	

Open Late November Results

Date	NSBC Event Name	T	Late November Open Winners	Score
23-Nov	M	17	1 Tony Burke & Frances Lyons	69%
			2 Joe Borda & Ron Speiser	64%
	BBO Open 1:30 pm	19	NS Mischa Solar & Peter Boulton	60%
			EW Peter & Marika Lorsch	63%
24-Nov	T	11	1 Bill Westwood & Tom Goodyer	62%
			2 Donald Cartwright & Barry Shine	61%
	BBO Open 1:30 pm	14	NS Bruce & Joyce Edwards	60%
			EW Ron Speiser & Bernard Edelstein	64%
25-Nov	W	15	1 Lily Richman & Michael Whitby	64%
			2 Tom Kiss & Alasdair Beck	60%
	BBO Open 1:30 pm	20	NS Frank Budai & Rod Binsted	69%
			EW Margaret Foster & Roslyn Howes	64%
26-Nov	T	13	NS Ramesh Karnani & Nurani Krishnan	64%
			EW Chris Sundstrom & Elli Urbach	59%
	Open 9:30 am F2F EL	8	1 Kevin Wu & Jake Lin	68%
			2 Andrew Caro & Janet Walker	61%
27-Nov	F	10	1 Denise Kavnat & Marlene Franks	63%
			2 Bill Westwood & Tom Goodyer	61%
	RealBridge Open 1:30 pm	10	NS Pierre & Key Tennant	60%
			EW Fiona Fawcett & David Hudson	57%
29-Nov	S	13	NS Fiona Russell & Sue Morgan	63%
			EW Lois Chambers & Rushi Sheth	60%
	RealBridge Open 1:30 pm	7	NS Arlene Dalley & Ashley Bach	61%
			EW Beryl Melamet & sue Selikman	59%
30-Nov	S	9	NS Giselle Mundell & Steven Bock	60%
			EW Tim Mountjoy & Patricia Lacey	61%
	RealBridge Open 1:30 pm	26	NS Keith Walker & Vera Rowland	65%
			EW Jenny Barnes & Catherine Elise	64%
31/11	M	14	NS Natalie Chupin & Ian MacLaren	63%
			EW Lori & Barry Shine	61%
	RealBridge Open 1:30 pm	14	NS John Bartrop & Owen Aubrey	61%
			EW Robbie Feyder & Margaret Foster	61%
31/11	M	14	NS Jenny Barnes & Catherine Elise	60%
			EW Janice Olevson & Mary Blumget	64%

Open – to mid-December Results

Date	NSBC RealBridge Event Name	T	Early December Open Winners	Score
1-Dec	RealBridge Open 10am	11	1 Margaret Foster & Jeanette Abrams	64%
			2 Sunny Pang & Malcolm Cliff	64%
	RealBridge Open 1:30 pm	12	NS Heather Lane & Trica Matheson	60%
			EW Ron Speiser & Bernard Edelstein	60%
2-Dec	RealBridge Open 10am	12	NS Kevin Davies & Elli Urbach	67%
			EW Tim Kiss & Alasdair Beck	65%
	RealBridge Open 1:30 pm	10	NS Karen McCallum & Ellen Borda	63%
			EW Tim Mountjoy & Patricia Lacey	62%
3-Dec	RealBridge Open 7pm	11	NS David Fryda & Michael Cartmell	64%
			EW Steven Bock & Kevin Davies	62%
	Open 10 am F2F EL	8	1 Malcolm Cliff & Sunny Page	77%
			2 Di Simpson & Trish Sweeney	66%
4-Dec	RealBridge Open 10am	6	1 Esther Lee & Peter Robinson	58%
			2 David Hudson & Fiona Fawcett	58%
	Open 1:15 am F2F EL	10	NS Mischa Solar & Liz Quittner	62%
			EW John Jongkind & Ian Lincoln	69%
5-Dec	RealBridge Open 1:30 pm	7	1 Andrew Markovics & Tony Burke	59%
			2 Neil Perry & John Mottram	58%
	RealBridge Open 10am	10	1 Jane Russ & Judy Twigg	64%
			2 Tom Kiss & Alasdair Beck	64%
6-Dec	RealBridge Open 1:30 pm	13	NS Marlaine Gahan & Kathryn Brien	59%
			EW Tony Leibowitz & Paul Gosney	65%
	RealBridge Open 1:30 pm	22	NS Mischa Solar & Alicia Mercer	58%
			EW Fiona Lavery & Leo Goorevich	61%
6-Dec	RealBridge Open 1pm	6	1 Fran Campbell & Esther Lee	69%
			2 Craig Mietzke & Christine Hanley	61%

November Open Monthly winners

Pos	November Open Winners	MP Rank	Ses	Master Pts
1=	Ashley Bach	Silver Grand	21	7.68
1=	Arlene Dalley	National	22	7.68
3	Ron Speiser	Grand	16	4.94
4	Tim Mountjoy	Life	23	4.46
5	Patricia Lacey	Grand	18	3.41
6=	Lily Richman	Regional	21	3.30
6=	Michael Whibley	Grand	21	3.30

Note): Process is to count Masterpoint accumulation awards in Open sessions during the month



Winners: Ashley and Arlene



Ron

Tim

Patricia

Date	NSBC RealBridge Event Name	T	Early December Open Winners	Score
7-Dec	RealBridge Open 10am	11	NS Mischa Solar & George Bilski	61%
			EW Bijan Assaee & Alexis Ngan	64%
	RealBridge Open 1:30 pm	10	NS Tim Mountjoy & Patricia Lacey	69%
			EW Janice Harris & Helen Sanders	60%
8-Dec	RealBridge Open 10am	10	NS Joan Polivnick & Peter Bendelstein	70%
			EW Ron Meyer & Tom Cromer	67%
	RealBridge Open 1:30 pm	13	NS Janice Harris & Marika Lorsch	61%
			EW Ian Bailey & Peter Robinson	59%
9-Dec	RealBridge Open 10am	11	NS Ian Bailey & Fran Campbell	57%
			EW Elli Urbach & Kevin Davies	66%
	RealBridge Open 1:30 pm	14	NS Keith Walker & Jenny Rose	68%
			EW Jennifer Rothwell & George Bilski	68%
10-Dec	RealBridge Open 7pm	9	1 Chris Sundstrom & Elli Urbach	73%
			2 David Fryda & Michael Cartmell	64%
	Open 10 am F2F EL	5	1 Jake Lin & Kevin Wu	72%
			2 Dennis Wan & Peggy Pang	68%
11-Dec	RealBridge Open 10am	6	NS Barbara Abraham & Keith Walker	65%
			EW Jenny Narunsky & John Mottram	63%
	Open 1:15 am F2F EL	14	NS Mischa Solar & Joe Quittner	63%
			EW Andrew Sebestyen & Frank Budai	74%
12-Dec	RealBridge Open 1:30 pm	8	1 Tony Burke & Andrew Markovics	65%
			2 Alexis Ngan & Bijan Assaee	58%
	RealBridge Open 10am	8	NS Vera Rowland & Louise Leibowitz	56%
			EW Trica Matheson & Janie Russ	60%
13-Dec	RealBridge Open 1:30 pm	6	1 Steven Bock & Giselle Mundell	66%
			2 Kay & Pat O'Connor	67%
	RealBridge Open 10am	18	NS Paulina Martin & Jill Sherlock	61%
			EW Fiona Lavery & Leo Goorevich	64%
14-Dec	RealBridge Open 1pm	4	1 Roslyn Hunyor & Anne Le Couteur	56%
			2 Steven Bock & Ruth Tobin	55%

Date	NSBC Event Name	T	Mid December Open Winners	Score
15-Dec	M	10	1 Ian Bailey & Fran Campbell	65%
			2 Tina Osie & Elana Sacks	61%
		9	NS Fiona Russell & Sue Morgan	56%
			EW Lauren Ehrlich & Jenny Narunsky	66%
16-Dec	T	11	NS Peter Fitzmaurice & Neil Williams	66%
			EW Dominique Barraclough & Lynnette Crawford	62%
		9	NS John Mottram & Lorraine Schaap	56%
			EW Alexis Ngan & David Smees	61%
17-Dec	W	12	NS Leo Goorevich & Kevin Davies	67%
			EW Ron Speiser & Bernard Edlestein	57%
		12	NS Bill Westwood & Tom Goodyer	66%
			EW Tom Kiss & Alasdair Beck	57%
18-Dec	T	8	NS Hymie Osie & David Osie	60%
			EW Helene Jacobson & Joan Polivnick	59%
		11	NS Janice Olevson & Felix Shteyman	68%
			EW David Osie & Hymie Osie	67%
19-Dec	F	6	NS Jake Lin & Kevin Wu	68%
			EW Peter Marshall & Peter Lipthay	66%
		7	NS Julianne Rocks & Kevin Davies	59%
			EW Sue Lipman & Brenda Kaplan	59%
20-Dec	S	10	NS Judy Shaw & Carolyn Green	57%
			EW John Jongkind & Ian Lincoln	60%
		12	NS Neil Perry & John Mottram	62%
			EW Tim Mountjoy & Richard Phillips	57%
21-Dec	S	11	NS Sue Selikman & Beryl Melamet	62%
			EW Derek Maltz & David Smees	61%
		5	NS Tony & Louise Leibowitz	62%
			EW Graham Markey & Ernie Wan	55%
22-Dec	S	29	NS Jillian Hagley & June Straw	62%
			EW Donald Cartwright & Ron Speiser	64%
23-Dec	S	11	NS Rachael & Maurice Loomes	68%
			EW David Hudson & Fiona Fawcett	60%

Upcoming Congress Events

Dates	Cost	NSW Congress Events
Dec 27	Trumps - Varies	Australian Bridge Teams (@ the Club 14T Max)
Jan 02		Trumps - Festival Pairs (@ the Club 14T Max)
Jan 03		Trumps - Festival Teams (@ the Club 14T Max)
Jan-03	RealBridge \$?	Master Bridge - Jan Swiss (IMP/VP) Pairs
Jan-31	RealBridge \$?	NSWBA Matchpointed Swiss Pairs
Feb-07	RealBridge \$?	Master Bridge - Feb Swiss (MP/VP) Pairs

ABF and NZ Bridge against Cheating

The ABF and NZ Bridge (Zone 7) support the initiative of the Nordic Bridge Union in asking the world and zonal bridge organisations to act against cheating. Read the Joint statement

[ABF-and-NZ-Bridge-Against-Cheating.pdf](#)

Freedom Monday

The relaxation of the coronavirus regulations dubbed Freedom Monday is now good for the playing of bridge. There has been a change in the regulations which were posted on the 5th December.

The two square metre rule will only apply to those venues used for playing bridge but the size of a group, previously 20, has been removed from the regulations for Community Halls and Indoor Recreation venues. So, finally you can use sensible movements provided that the space in your venue has at least 2 square metres per player.

Social distancing still exists at 1.5m but it is recommended rather than mandatory. Given the demographic of bridge players you should follow this recommendation. The NSWBA is continuing to use its new 1200 mm square tables.

John Scudder
Chairman, NSW Bridge Association

December Current Open Monthly leaders

Pos	December (DD) Open Leaders	MP Rank	Ses	Master Pts
1	Kevin Davies	Silver Grand	12	3.15
2	John Mottram	Gold Grand	18	3.02
3	Felix Shteyman	Club	21	2.31
4	Ron Speiser	Grand	9	2.27
5	Fran Campbell	Bronze Life	16	2.18
6	Leo Goorevich	Grand	6	2.17
7	Mischa Solar	Silver Grand	8	2.06

Note): Process is to count Masterpoint accumulation awards in Open sessions during the month



Kim Frazer wins International Bridge Press Association Master Point Press 2020 Book of the Year Award

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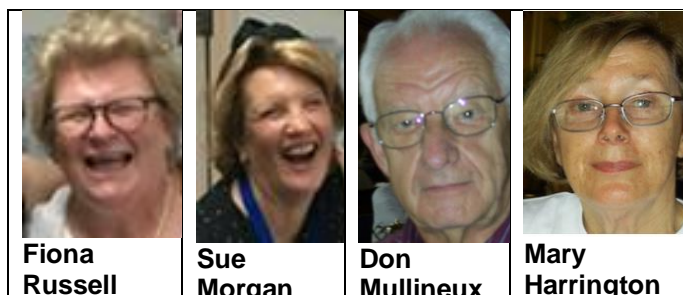
[Australian Bridge Federation » Kim Frazer wins IBPA Master Point Press 2020 Book of the Year Award \(abf.com.au\)](#)

November Restricted (<300MP) Results

Date	NSBC Event	T		Rookie & Restricted Combined late November Winners	Score
19-Nov	T	10	1	John & Penny Boyd	67%
			2	Susan Macken & Sara Worth	63%
20-Nov	F	9	1	Fiona Russell & Sue Morgan	63%
			2	Yeung Cheung & Sue Gordon	63%
21-Nov	S	7	1	Fiona Russell & Tien Chey	69%
			2	Mary Harrington & Don Mullineux	59%
26-Nov	T	10	1	John & Penny Boyd	67%
			2	Susan Macken & Sara Worth	63%
27-Oct	F	9	1	Fiona Russell & Sue Morgan	63%
			2	Yeung Cheung & Sue Gordon	63%
28-Oct	S	7	NS	Fiona Russell & Tien Chey	69%
			EW	Mary Harrington & Don Mullineux	59%

November Restricted Monthly winners

Pos	November Winners Combined Rookie & Restricted <300 MP < **National	MP Rank	Ses	Master Pts
1	Fiona Russell	State	9	3.21
2	Sue Morgan	Local	5	2.61
3=	Don Mullineux	*Regional	10	1.33
3=	Mary Harrington	*Regional	10	1.33
5	Brian Emanuel	Local	7	1.05
6	Felix Shteyman	**Local	7	1.02
7	Denise Reilly	Club	5	0.99



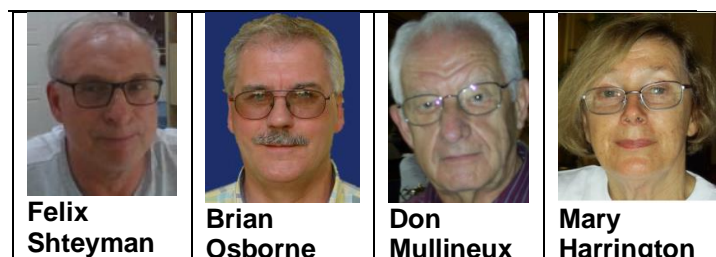
Note a): Combined Monthly award is for players with less than <300 MP i.e., Less than **National Rank
 Note b): Process is to count Masterpoint accumulation awards in combined sessions during the month

December Restricted Results

Date	NSBC Event	T		Rookie & Restricted Combined Early December Winners	Score
3-Dec	T	8	NS	Mary Harrington & Don Mullineux	61%
			EW	Lorna Davies & Angie Smith	58%
4-Dec	F	8	1	Cynthia Playfair & Robin Low	67%
			2	Denise Reilly & Caroline Needham	61%
5-Dec	S	6	1	Brian Osbourne & Felix Shteyman	63%
			2	Mary Harrington & Don Mullineux	60%
10-Dec	T	6	1	Tamra Brown & Caroline Needham	62%
			2	Marg Fishburn & Margaret Kelly	58%
11-Dec	F	8	1	Lesley Collins & Pam Ranney	65%
			2	Monica Cheng & Sara Worth	67%
12-Dec	S	6	1	Joe Camilleri & Sandy Belcher	66%
			2	Brian Osbourne & Felix Shteyman	65%
17-Dec	T	6	1	Fiona Russell & Sue Morgan	59%
			2	Brian Osbourne & Felix Shteyman	56%
18-Dec	F	6	1	Brian Emanuel & David Boyle	64%
			2	Fiona Russell & Sue Morgan	58%
19-Dec	S	7	1	Yvonne Rawack & Michelle Levy	53%
			2	Brian Osbourne & Felix Shteyman	67%

December Current Restricted Monthly Leaders

Pos	December Leaders Combined Rookie & Restricted <300 MP < **National	MP Rank	Ses	Master Pts
1	Felix Shteyman	**Local	7	1.40
2	Brian Osbourne	State	4	0.94
3=	Don Mullineux	*Regional	5	0.86
3=	Mary Harrington	*Regional	5	0.86
5	Caroline Needham	Club	5	0.71
6	Fiona Russell	State	4	0.62
7	Denise Reilly	Club	5	0.57



T'was the night before Christmas

T'was the night before Christmas,
 Two guests in our house
 We are playing some bridge
 With me and my spouse

"Please tell me" she shouted
 "why didn't you double"
 It was plain from the start
 We had them in Trouble

"It is futile, my Dear
 I am taking no stand.
 So please stop your nagging
 Let us play the next hand"

Restricted (<300 Master Points) ABF MASTER RANKINGS				
Rank	Minimum Requirements			
	Total	Green	Red & Gold	Gold
Graduate	2	2		
Club	5	5		
Local	15	15		
*Local	25	25		
**Local	35	35		
Regional	50	50		
*Regional	100	100		
State	50	25	25	
*State	100	50	50	
National	150	75	75	
*National	200	100	100	
**National	300	150	150	

“Remember next time”
She said with a frown
“to double a contract
That is sure to go down

	North	
	♠ 9876	
West	♥ 65432	East (D)
♠ -	♦ 8765	♠ AKQJT
♥ QJT9	♣ -	♥ AK87
♦ KQJT9		♦ -
♣ KQJT	South	♣ A987
	♠ 5432	
2♠X/S	♥ -	Vul NS
Lead ♥Q	♦ A432	Dir: E
	♣ 65432	

So, I picked up my cards
In a downtrodden state,
Then I opened one Spade
And awaited my fate.

The guy sitting south
Was like many I have known
He bid and played
In a world all his own

“Two diamonds” he countered
With scarcely a care
The Ace in his hand
Gave him courage to spare

My wife, smiling faintly
And tossing here head,
Leaned over the table,
“double” she said

And North for some reason
I cannot determine
Bid two hearts,
Like preaching a sermon

I grinned as I doubled
Enjoying the fun,
And turned round to South
To see where he would run

But South, undistressed
Not a loss for a word
Came forth with “two Spades”
Did I hear what I heard?

The other two passed
And in sheer disbelief
I sad “Double, my friend,
That will bring you to grief”

South passed with a nod
His composure serene.
My wife with a flourish
Led out the heart Queen

I sat there and chuckled
Inside o’er their fix
But south very calmly
Ran off eight tricks!

He ruffed the first heart
In his hand straight away
And returned a club
On the very next play

He crossruffed the hand
At breathtaking pace
Till I was left holding
Five spades to the Ace

In anguish my wife cried
“your minds growing old
You should see that six No Trumps
For us is ice cold!”

By Doubling this time
I had committed a sin
It just goes to prove
That you never can win!

“I doubled, my dear
Since I trusted your lead
A diamond you should
Have produced with great speed

Two thousand points you’d
Find then was our score
(not to mention the honours
To make even more)

Your scoring, my darling,
Would have cost us a bomb
Two thousand points would
Have surely been wrong

What trick did they win?
That gives them that score.
By ditching the diamonds
We get three hundred more!”

September 29, 1929

The New York Times

Wife Kills Husband in Bridge Game Spat

The most disastrous bridge hand ever played
Karen Walker



It was the Roaring Twenties, and the entire country was so crazy over the new contract bridge that it seemed inevitable that it would one day be the motivation for a crime of passion. It happened in Kansas City on September 29, 1929. Myrtle Bennett and her husband John, a prosperous, 36-year-old perfume salesman, were hosting their neighbours for an evening of rubber bridge in their upscale apartment. The stakes were low (1/10 of a cent per point) and the Bennetts bickered the entire evening. Shortly after midnight, this fateful -- and fatal -- hand was dealt:

		Myrtle Bennett		
		♠ AT63		
		♥ T85		
		♦ 6432		
		♣ A9842		
		John Bennett		
		♠ KJ985		
		♥ K762		
		♦ 85		
		♣ KT		
West			East	
♠ Q72			♠ 4	
♥ AJ3			♥ Q94	
♦ AQT92			♦ KJ763	
♣ J6			♣ Q753	
4♠/S Lead ♦A			Vul Nil Dir: S	

John, sitting South, overbid by opening 1♠ with his ace-less, 10-point hand. Charles overcalled 2♦ and Myrtle, North, jumped to 4♠, which ended the auction.

John could have made his contract, but he played it as poorly as he had bid it and went down two tricks.

Myrtle was livid that she had put down such a fine dummy, only to see her husband mangle the play. She called him a "bum bridge player" and an altercation ensued. John slapped her and announced that he was leaving town.

While John was hurriedly packing a suitcase, Myrtle ran to the bedroom to get his loaded Colt .32 automatic and chased him through the

apartment. She fired four shots, fatally wounding him with the last two. John's last words were, "She got me."

Myrtle was charged with first-degree murder and the crime became national news. At the 1931 trial, her defence was that her husband was unfaithful and emotionally abusive, and that she fired the gun in self-defence and/or accidentally during the struggle.

The public, however, was more interested in the bridge hand. Newspapers called on bridge experts to analyse the deal -- or what the survivors remembered of it, since the cards had flown off the table during the incident. The experts concluded that Bennett should not have opened such a poor hand and had made a serious error in the play by failing to set up dummy's club suit for extra winners. They said his "fatal mistake" was not planning his strategy before playing the cards.

The legend is that the jury deemed John's play so poor that they acquitted Myrtle on grounds of **justifiable homicide**. The truth is that Myrtle was indeed acquitted, but the ruling was accidental discharge of a firearm. The jury ignored the evidence that the pistol had been fired four times, in three different rooms, including two shots through the bathroom door.

After the trial, Myrtle collected \$30,000 on John's life-insurance policy. She lived another 61 years to age 96 and left her million-dollar estate to John's relatives.

Alexander Woollcott told this story about Myrtle's post-trial years in his 1934 essay collection *While Rome Burns*:

Myrtle Bennett has not allowed her bridge to grow rusty, even though she occasionally encounters an inexplicable difficulty in finding a partner.

Recently, she took on one unacquainted with her history. Having made an impulsive bid, he put his hand down with some diffidence,

- "Partner," he said, "I'm afraid you'll want to shoot me for this."
- Mrs. Bennett, says my informant, had the good taste to faint.



Happy 2021

By Pat O'Connor

North	Standard or 2/1 Bidding			
♠ KQ5	West	North	East	South (D)
♥ 863				1NT
♦ KQJT3	Pass	3NT	All Pass	
♣ 85	Bidding Notes			
South (D)	1NT	15-17 Bal		
♠ A7632	3NT	To Play		
♥ AK5				
♦ 62				
♣ AJ6				

West leads the ♠K.

Plan the play.

Analysis

This looks easy. The diamond suit will give you lots of tricks.

How will you proceed?

The Full Deal

	North	
	♠ KQ5	
	♥ 863	
	♦ KQJT3	
	♣ 85	
West		East
♠ 8		♠ JT94
♥ 974		♥ QJT2
♦ 9874		♦ A5
♣ KQT74		♣ 932
	South (D)	
	♠ A7632	
	♥ AK5	
	♦ 62	
	♣ AJ6	
4♠/S		Vul Nil
Lead ♣K		Dir: S

West has almost certainly led from a suit headed by the ♠KQ. You must duck the opening lead. If you do not, when East takes the ♦A, the club return will result in four more tricks to the bad guys.

If West continues clubs after you duck the first trick, you will win and still retain a stopper in the suit. Then you will knock out the ♦A and take 11 tricks.

So West is forced to switch at Trick 2, and you will take an easy 10 tricks.

This ducking play, which dates back to the days of Whist, is known as the **Bath Coup**. It is named after the spa town in the Southwest of England much favoured by Regency society.

Key Point

With AJx in your hand on the lead of the king, consider ducking the first trick.



Pauline Evans

Swiss Pairs Congress

East Lindfield




Sunday: 14th March

1 Day, 2 Session Event

Prizes dependant on entry

Session 1: 10:00am Start

(Lunch orders taken before Session 1)

\$35 Table Fees

Conducted under the auspices of the NSWBA .
The ABF has approved the issue of red masterpoints at level B4
All players are subject to the NSWBA's Disciplinary Regulations

In 2021, our NSBC Beginner Bridge Player teachers are **Liz Wilkinson** and **Emma Barnes**.



Emma



Liz

The first lessons for beginners are scheduled for the start of February, either at East Lindfield or online using Zoom and BBO

Our Newer Player Team



For our supervised players

We are continuing with Supervised games on Monday evenings and on Tuesday mornings, playing 15 boards per session on RealBridge. There will be a break between Christmas and the New Year, so while the games on Monday 21st December in the evening and on Tuesday 22nd December in the morning, are going ahead as usual, **the 28th and 29th are cancelled**. We are back to normal from the week beginning Monday January 4th 2021".

BBO Supervised Session Results

Date	NSBC Event	T	Late October Supervised Winners	Score
23-Nov	M BBO Supervised 7pm	4	Maxine Foster & Sandra Da Silva	74%
24-Nov	T BBO Supervised 10:30am	4	Peter Hewitt & Lydia Merrill	70%
30-Nov	M BBO Supervised 7pm		BBO Problems	
Date	NSBC Event	T	December Supervised Winners	Score
1-Dec	T BBO Supervised 10:30am	2	Lynne Bulloch & Mary Ferris	63%
7-Dec	M RealBridge Supervised 7pm	4	Peter O'Donnell & Mark Field	64%
8-Dec	T RealBridge Supervised 10:30am	2	Colleen Fox & Cindy Manassen	50%
14-Dec	M RealBridge Supervised 7pm	3	Beth Morton & Helen Freeman	60%
15-Dec	T RealBridge Supervised 10:30am	2	David Rands & Allan Pike	60%
21-Dec	M RealBridge Supervised 7pm			
22-Dec	T RealBridge Supervised 10:30am			
28-Dec	M RealBridge Supervised 7pm	XMAS break		
29-Dec	T RealBridge Supervised 10:30am			
4-Jan	M RealBridge Supervised 7pm			
5-Jan	T RealBridge Supervised 10:30am			

For our rookie players

The Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday Rookie games are not affected by the Christmas break, however the Thursday to Saturday Restricted /Rookie games are not running from 24th to 26th December, or on Friday 1st January.

Lessons with Jessica Brake and Anita Curtis resume mid-January 2021.

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	RB	Supervised	E	10 mins	7:00 PM	No Limit	RealBridge
	RB	Supervised	M	10 mins	10:30 AM	No Limit	RealBridge
Tues	RB	Rookie	A	10 mins	2:00 PM	No Limit	RealBridge
	RB	Rookie	E	10 mins	7:00 PM	No Limit	RealBridge
Wed	RB	Rookie	A	10 mins	2:00 PM	No Limit	RealBridge
Thur	RB	Restricted	A	10 mins	1:30 PM	No Limit	RealBridge
Fri	RB	Restricted	A	10 mins	1:30 PM	No Limit	RealBridge
Sat	RB	Restricted	A	10 mins	1:30 PM	No Limit	RealBridge
Sun	RB	Open	A	10 mins	1:00 PM	No Limit	RealBridge
Code M = morning, A = Afternoon, E = Evening							

Rookie (<100 Masterpoints) - ABF MASTER RANKINGS				
Rank	Minimum Requirements			
	Total	Green	Red	Gold
Graduate	2	2		
Club	5	5		
Local	15	15		
*Local	25	25		
**Local	35	35		
Regional	50	50		
*Regional	100	100		

December Rookie Only Session Results

Late Nov Rookie Only Results

Date	NSBC Event	T	Rookie Only Late November Winners	Score
23-Nov	BBO Rookie 2pm	16 NS	Karen Doecke & Kerry Barling	74%
		EW	Don Mullineux & Mary Harrington	65%
24-Nov	BBO Rookie 2pm	13 NS	Sharon Thompson & Caroline Forbes	70%
		EW	Graeme & Deborah Hilder	61%
	BBO Rookie 7pm	7 NS	Stuart Schon & Maeve Doyle	65%
		EW	Frances Leadbeter & Jackie Coles	60%
25-Nov	BBO Rookie 2pm	18 NS	Phillip Howes & Deborah Burt	60%
		EW	Greg White & Harley McHutchison	70%
30-Nov	BBO Rookie 2pm	17 NS	Anne & David Craig	63%
		EW	Graeme & Deborah Hilder	64%





Date	NSBC Event	T	Rookie Only Early-Mid December Winners	Score
1-Dec	BBO Rookie 2pm	11 NS	Sandra Belcher & Joe Camilleri	67%
		EW	Tien Chey & Jeannie Egger	58%
2-Dec	BBO Rookie 7pm	5 NS	Yvonne Rawack & Michelle Levy	56%
		EW	Stuart Schon & Maeve Doyle	57%
7-Dec	BBO Rookie 2pm	15 NS	Judy Berg & Jennifer Birrell	66%
		EW	Paul Anderson & June Straw	65%
8-Dec	RealBridge Rookie 2pm	11 NS	Ashleigh Gallagher & Sharon Thompson	66%
		EW	Catherine McReady & Doug Leigh	62%
	RealBridge Rookie 7pm	10 NS	Chris Lewis & Don Chisholm	68%
		EW	Caroline Needham & James McDonnell	60%
9-Dec	RealBridge Rookie 2pm	6 NS	Jackie Coles & Francis Leadbeter	61%
		EW	Sue Dickinson & Sharon Thompson	77%
14-Dec	RealBridge Rookie 2pm	14 NS	John Hill & Garry White	65%
		EW	Loretta Cappie-Wood & Noni Grew	64%
15-Dec	RealBridge Rookie 2pm	10 NS	Kerry Barling & Karen Doecke	68%
		EW	Harry Haberin & Jo Ampherlaw	61%
	RealBridge Rookie 7pm	9 1	Joe Camilleri & Sandra Belcher	60%
		2	Chris Lewis & Don Chisholm	58%
16-Dec	RealBridge Rookie 2pm	5 1	Robyn Wilmot & Keith Fryirs	68%
		2	Lyn & Len Quilter	57%
16-Dec	RealBridge Rookie 2pm	14 NS	John Brodie & Russell Summerhayes	62%
		EW	David & Anne Craig	63%

November Rookie Monthly Winners

Pos	Winner Nov Rookie only (<100 MP <*Regional)	MP Rank	Sess	Master Pts
1	Sue Gordon	Regional	21	2.87
2	Sue Morgan	Local	5	2.61
3	Deborah Burt	Club	16	2.13
4	Felix Shteyman	**Local	14	2.05
5	David Craig	Club	12	2.02
6	Anne Craig	Club	11	1.91
7	David Boyle	Club	14	1.69

December Current Rookie Monthly leaders

Pos	Leader Dec Rookie only (<100 MP <*Regional)	MP Rank	Sess	Master Pts
1	Felix Shteyman	**Local	9	1.47
2	Sandra Belcher	**Local	9	1.35
3	Caroline Needham	Club	11	1.34
4	Joe Camilleri	Regional	7	1.32
5	Sharon Thompson	Club	9	1.07
6=	David Craig	Club	4	0.76
6=	Tien Chey	Regional	9	0.76

			
Sue Gordon	Sue Morgan	Deborah Burt	Felix Shteyman

			N/A
Felix Shteyman	Sandra Belcher	Caroline Needham	Joe Camilleri

Note a): Rookie Monthly award is for players <100 MP i.e., < *Regional Rank

Note b): Process is to count Masterpoint accumulation awards during the month.



Tricks not Points

Adapted from an **Andrew Robson** article on his ARBC website

Which is the better hand, (a) or (b)?

Hand a)	Hand b)
♠ QJ	♠ 86
♥ AJ732	♥ KQJT2
♦ KJ	♦ A2
♣ KJ32	♣ KQJT

Hand (a) has the same points (16 hcp, **7 loser**) as Hand (b). But the second hand is far stronger (16 hcp, **5 loser**) because it contains more **TRICKS**.

Never ever forget, Bridge is a game all about tricks, not points. Your point-count means absolutely nothing once play begins, point-count is a guide only to just your bidding, nothing else.

If partner has a flat "Yarborough" (i.e., no points at all), you will make eight tricks with hearts as trumps with (b), yet barely two or three tricks with (a).

I should say, however, that you must always have a flexible mind-set at Bridge.

If your partner is bidding spades and diamonds very strongly, suddenly you'd rather have Hand (a); if partner holds ♠AK5432,♥4,♦Q109872,♣-, you can make 6♠ opposite Hand (a) yet may not even make 4♠ opposite Hand (b).

Your right-hand opponent opens 1♠. Would you overcall with either of these hands?

Hand i)	Hand ii)
♠ QJ2	♠ 32
♥ AJ2	♥ 2
♦ KJ742	♦ KQJT92
♣ Q2	♣ QJT2

With Hand (i), the answer is no. You have just one or two TRICKS!

With Hand (ii), yes, facing a bad dummy, you have seven likely TRICKS.

Note, your point-count in no way tells the whole story.

What is a "Yarborough" in bridge

Answer: A hand with no card higher than a nine (i.e., an almost worthless hand) and no shape.


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XMAS Break in Lessons - Restart January 13th	
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Thur Jan 14	
Wed Jan 20	Overcalls 2
Thur Jan 21	
Wed Jan 27	Hand Analysis (End of Course)
Thur Jan 28	
Wed Feb 03	1NT & 2NT openings (Restart of Course)
Thur Feb 04	



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Thur Dec 24	Xmas Break in Lesson Schedule
Thur Dec 31	
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Thur Feb 18	



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Date	Anita Curtis Friday morning @ 10am
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Brent Manley

Brent was a guest co-editor of the Gold Coast daily bulletin. IPBA executive member and WBF bulletin editor.

Challenge hands were adapted from a **Brent** Manley articles "Snip Snip", "Almost Double Dummy" and "Look Deeper" from the ACBL Bridge feed website

Preliminary Analysis

Winners $5x\spadesuit + 5x\diamondsuit + \clubsuit = 11$ good

Losers: $2x\heartsuit +$ likely $\spadesuit K$

T1 West leads the $\heartsuit Q$. Dummy $\heartsuit 5$, as East overtakes with the $\heartsuit K$ as you play the $\heartsuit 8$ from hand.

T2 Then East shifts immediately to the $\diamondsuit 2$?

What is your plan for getting to your $4\clubsuit$ contract (10 tricks) on this deal now?

Revised Analysis

The diamond shift looked suspiciously like a singleton, so declarer paused to consider what he could do to prevent a diamond ruff. The lead of the $\heartsuit Q$ probably implies West holds the $\heartsuit J$ and they have heart communication between the defender's hands.

He saw that playing the $\spadesuit A$ and another spade would succeed if trumps were 2-2, but he suspected that East was more likely had $\spadesuit Kxx$ (three trumps). If so, declarer could foresee the defenders taking a trump, two hearts and a setting diamond ruff.

Solution

Declarer's new plan was to try to **SNIP** the **communication** between the defenders' hands by winning 2 club tricks, then on the third club, pitching a heart loser from the south hand, breaking the EW heart communications to stop the risk of a diamond ruff. So:

Challenge hand 1 Solution

North	
$\spadesuit AT4$	
$\heartsuit 75$	
$\diamondsuit AQJ53$	
$\clubsuit Q65$	
South	
$\spadesuit QJ9652$	
$\heartsuit 82$	
$\diamondsuit K96$	
$\clubsuit AJ$	

Matchpoint pairs

Dealer: East

EW Vul

East opens the bidding with $1\heartsuit$ vulnerable. West will compete by jumping to $3\heartsuit$

How do you bid this hand to the best NS spot?

North	Standard or 2/1 Bidding			
♠ AT4	West	North	East (D)	South
♥ 75	Pass	Pass	1♥	1♠
♦ AQJ53	3♥	4♠	All Pass	
♣ Q65	Bidding Notes			
South	1♥	Opening hand 5+♥		
♠ QJ9652	1♠	Overcall 5+ ♠		
♥ 82	3♥	Weak Pre-emptive Support		
♦ K96	4♠	13 hcp 3♠ Support Game bid		
♣ AJ				

The Bidding

East (Vul) opens the bidding with $1\heartsuit$ ($5+\heartsuit$ s, Opening strength). You overcall $1\spadesuit$ (You were also considering $2\spadesuit$ a strong weak $2\spadesuit$ overcall).

West jumps to $3\heartsuit$ (Pre-emptive raise) and partner (holding an opening hand with 3 spades) places the final contract in $4\spadesuit$. All pass.

Against your $4\spadesuit$ contract west starts the defence with the $\heartsuit Q$ lead

- T1 West leads the ♥Q. Dummy ♥5, as East overtakes with the ♥K as you play the ♥8 from hand.
- T2 East shifts ♦2, ♦6, ♦7 and declarer choose to win this in dummy with the ♦J
- T3 Declarer then led a low club ♣5, ♣7, to his ♣J, ♣3, successfully finessing East's ♣K. East had opened the bidding and was surely marked with all the outstanding high cards.
- T4 Declarer then cashed the ♣A in hand, as all following in clubs ♣2, ♣6, ♣8
- T5 Returned to dummy with a low trump ♠2, ♠7 to the ♠A and West's ♠3
- T6 Declarer then played the remaining club ♣Q. East covered with the ♣K. But instead of ruffing, declarer threw the ♥2 from hand, West playing ♣4. This applied the **SNIP** to cut off the EW heart communications.
- T7 East tried to put West in anyway, by leading a low heart ♥4, but declarer now void in hearts, ruffed with the ♠5 in hand. West ♥3, dummy the ♥7
- T8 Declarer then continued by leading the ♠Q. East could take the ♠K, but that was the end for the defence. You will draw the outstanding trump and enjoy the long diamonds for contract

Declarer made his 4♠ contract
5x♠ trumps + 2x♣ + 3x♦ = 10 tricks.
I.e., Lost only ♥K+♣K+♠K

The full deal:

	North	
	♠ AT4	
West	♥ 75	East (D)
♠ 7	♦ AQJ53	♠ K83
♥ QJ93	♣ Q65	♥ AKT64
♦ T874		♦ 2
♣ 9432	South	♣ KT87
	♠ QJ9652	
4♠/S	♥ 82	Vul EW
Lead ♥Q	♦ K96	Dir: E
	♣ AJ	

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Solution Challenge Hand 2

	North		Matchpoint pairs Dealer: South EW Vul East/West remain silent How do you bid this hand to the best NS spot?
	♠ 9643		
	♥ AK875		
	♦ AK		
	♣ KQ		
	South (D)		
	♠ KQJT2		
	♥ J6		
	♦ J54		
	♣ A73		

Look Deeper

North	Standard or 2/1 Bidding			
	West	North	East	South (D)
				1♠
	Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
	Pass	4NT	Pass	5♠
South (D)	Pass	6♠	All Pass	
	Bidding Notes			
	1♠	5+♠ Opening hand		
	2♥	5+♥ Game forcing		
	2♠	Min Hand, good spades		
	4NT	Keycard (♠)		
	5♠	2+♠Q (♠A+♠K+♠Q)		
	6♠	To Play		

The Bidding

You (South) open the bidding with 1♠ (showing 5+♠ and Opening values). Partner bids 2♥ (Game forcing with 5+♥), and you respond 2♠ which by agreement, just shows a minimum hand (but <3♥). Partner launches into Keycard in spades, and you respond 5♠ showing your 2 Keycards (♠A+♠K) + trump Queen ♠Q. Partner settles for a 6♠ contract.

Against your spade slam, West starts the defence with a lead of the ♦T.

Preliminary Analysis

Winners 4x♠+2x♥+2x♦+3x♣+♦ ruff (dummy) = about 12

Losers: ♠A

Its looking a good contract, so, do you see any possible dangers?

- If Spades are 4-0, the ♦ ruff may be a problem

What is your plan for taking 12 tricks?

Solution

- T1 On West's lead of the ♦T, you as declarer foresaw no traps in the play. You took the first trick with the ♦A West ♦7 (encouraging) and ♦4 from hand
- T2 Then you lead a small trump ♠3 to East's ♠5 and won the ♠T in hand. Noting the 4-0 trump break as West discarded a small club ♣4 (start of a count signal?)
- T3 You (declarer), next led a small diamond ♦5, ♦2, to the ♦K in dummy, West playing ♦3
- T4 You then returned a second small trump ♠4 to East's ♠7 and your ♠J West ♣2
- T5 You then led the ♦J ♦8 ruffing with dummy's ♠9, West ♦6
- T6 You then advanced dummy's last trump ♠6, but East now stepped up with the ♠A ♠2, ♠4.
- T7 East then returned a club ♣6. ♣3, ♣8 you had to win in dummy with the ♣Q.
- T8 You then had to try to get back to hand by ruffing a heart. So, you cashed the ♥A which stood up all following ♥4, ♥6, ♥2
- T9 You then played the ♥K, which did not stand up: East ruffed it with his last trump ♠8 and the contract was down one.

"A 5-1 heart break! Now that was really unlucky," offered declarer somewhat mournfully. As ever, dummy was unmoved. "Luck had nothing to do with the outcome," he rebutted. "The only danger to the contract was bad breaks in **both the major suits** and you should have acted accordingly.

- T1 Win **♦A**
T2 Cash the **♦K**
T4 You play a small trump to hand **♠T**.
T5 When the 4-0 break comes to light, you ruff your **♦J** loser in dummy with the **♠9**.
T67 Unblock the clubs Cashing the **♣KQ**
T8 Followed by the **♥A**.
T9 Only then do you play a second low trump. East would have let you win the trick in hand with **♠J**
T10 You force with **♠K**, but, then East wins the **♠A**, he has no hearts to play.
T11+No matter which suit he returns, you would win the trick in hand, draw the outstanding trump, and claim the last two tricks with the **♣A** and the **♥K**.

"If, by chance, East had had a second heart, his lead of that card would have put you safely in dummy, whereupon another heart ruff would have allowed you to pull his last trump. In this way, you would have needed only for East to follow to one heart and two clubs."

The full deal:

West		North	East	
♠ -		♠ 9643	♠ A875	
♥ QT932		♥ AK875	♥ 4	
♦ T982		♦ AK	♦ Q763	
♣ 8542		♣ KQ	♣ JT96	
4♠/S Lead ♦T		South (D)	Vul EW Dir: S	
		♠ KQJT2		
		♥ J6		
		♦ J54		
		♣ A73		

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Challenge Hand 3 Solution

North	Matchpoint pairs Dealer: South NS Vul
♠ 8	
♥ 852	
♦ 6432	
♣ KJ743	
South (D)	
♠ AKQ5	
♥ KQJT6	
♦ T	
♣ A85	

Over your 1♥ opening, East bids 2♥ (Michaels cue bid, showing 5+5 Spades + Minor)

How do you bid this hand to the best NS spot?

Almost Double Dummy

North	Standard Bidding			
	West	North	East	South (D)
♠ 8				1♥
♥ 852				X
♦ 6432	2♥	Pass	2♠	X
♣ KJ743	Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
	All Pass			
South (D)	Bidding Notes			
♠ AKQ5	1♥	5+♥, good 19 hcp		
♥ KQJT6	2♥	Michaels Cue 5S+5m		
♦ T	Pass	Not enough 3♥ vul		
♣ A85	2♠	Weak Preference		
	X	Strong hand partner		
	Pass	Not stretching to 3♠		
	3♥	3♥ & some values		
	4♥	To Play		

The Bidding

You are sitting South, and have a good shapely 19hcp, so you open 1♥, and West jumps into the bidding with a shape showing 2♥ Cue bid (explained as a Michaels Cue showing 55 in Spades and a minor).

Your partner passes and West gives weak preference to spades with a 2♠ bid (showing 2-3 spades).

You reopen with a X (it is our hand partner!) with your 4 good spades, but as West sits the double, partner bids 3♥ (likely 2-3 hearts and some values in context as he must be short in spades).

So, you press on with a game bid of 4♥ (with your good hearts, holding controls in both minors and likely 2 or 3 pitches from dummy on your high spades).

West starts the defence with a lead of the ♦A

Preliminary Analysis

Winners: $3 \times \spadesuit + 3 \times \heartsuit + 2 \times \clubsuit = 8-9$ tricks

Losers: $\spadesuit A, \heartsuit A$, maybe $\clubsuit Q$

Strategies for 10 tricks

- West likely 5152 or 5053 shape, so east is likely to have 4 or even 5 hearts.
- Ruff a spade in dummy (short trump hand) for an extra trick
- Pitch diamonds on high spades, voiding the \spadesuit suit in both hands
- Find extra tricks in the long clubs

Terence Reese classified bids such as West's $2\heartsuit$ as extremely dangerous if the bidder's side did not get to play the hand. Reese believed that, in such cases, declarer could often adopt an almost double-dummy line to bring home an otherwise tricky contract. How will you take advantage after West leads the $\spadesuit A$ and then continues with the $\spadesuit K$?

Solution

- T1 West leads $\spadesuit A$, dummy $\heartsuit 2$, West $\heartsuit 5$ (count) and you the $\spadesuit T$ from hand
- T2 West continues $\spadesuit K$, you follow $\heartsuit 3$, West $\heartsuit 9$, and you (Declarer) ruffed this with your small trump $\heartsuit 6$
- T3 You then play to make a spade ruff in the short trump hand, by initially cashing the top spade $\spadesuit A, \spadesuit 3, \spadesuit 8, \spadesuit 2$.
- T4 You then lead the small spade $\spadesuit 5$, West $\spadesuit 4$ and ruffed in dummy with the short trump $\heartsuit 2$, East following $\spadesuit 7$.
- T5 You (Declare) then started on trumps, with the $\heartsuit 5$ towards your hand, East played low $\heartsuit 3$, you played $\heartsuit K$ winning, and West followed $\heartsuit 4$. You are relieved that trumps were not 0-5.
- T6 You lead the $\heartsuit Q$, West discards small diamond $\spadesuit 7$, dummy $\heartsuit 8$ and East takes his $\heartsuit A$

- T7 East now leads his 3rd Diamond $\spadesuit Q$ to force you and setup his $\heartsuit 9$ as a winner. This return marked West with a 5-1-5-2 distribution originally and East with a corresponding flat 3-4-3-3 shape. Which allows you (declarer) to be certain that there was no remaining diamond communications links between the defender's hands as East last 6 cards were in a 1-2-0-3 shape remaining. You ruffed this third round of diamonds with the high trump $\heartsuit T, \spadesuit 6, \spadesuit 4$ from dummy.
- T7 You now cashed your last trump $\heartsuit J$, throwing dummy's remaining diamond, East contributing the $\heartsuit 7$.
- T8 You cash your $\spadesuit K$, West $\spadesuit T$, Dummy played a small club $\clubsuit 3$ and East contributed has last Spade $\spadesuit 9$.

You had the $\spadesuit Q$ and three clubs to the ace $\clubsuit Axx$ left. East was down to the high trump $\heartsuit 9$ and 3 clubs (Maybe $\clubsuit Qxx$). So:

- T9 When you (declarer) played the $\spadesuit Q$, East had a choice of unpleasant outcomes.
1. If he ruffed with the high $\heartsuit 9$, he would be end-played, and declarer would make three club tricks and his contract.
 2. If instead East discarded a club, the $\spadesuit Q$ would be declarer's eighth trick with the $\clubsuit A$ and $\clubsuit K$ to come.
- East simply folded his cards and conceded the contract

. The full deal:

		North		
		$\spadesuit 8$		
West		$\heartsuit 852$	East	
$\spadesuit JT643$		$\spadesuit 6432$	$\spadesuit 972$	
$\heartsuit 4$		$\spadesuit KJ743$	$\heartsuit A973$	
$\spadesuit AKJ87$			$\spadesuit Q95$	
$\spadesuit 96$		South (D)		$\spadesuit QT2$
		$\spadesuit AKQ5$		
		$\heartsuit KQJT6$		
		$\spadesuit T$		
		$\spadesuit A85$		
4♥/S Lead $\spadesuit A$				Vul NS Dir: S

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Thur	EL	Open	F2F Open Bridge	M	Club Website	10:00 AM	16	10T-->16T
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Week starting 21 December:

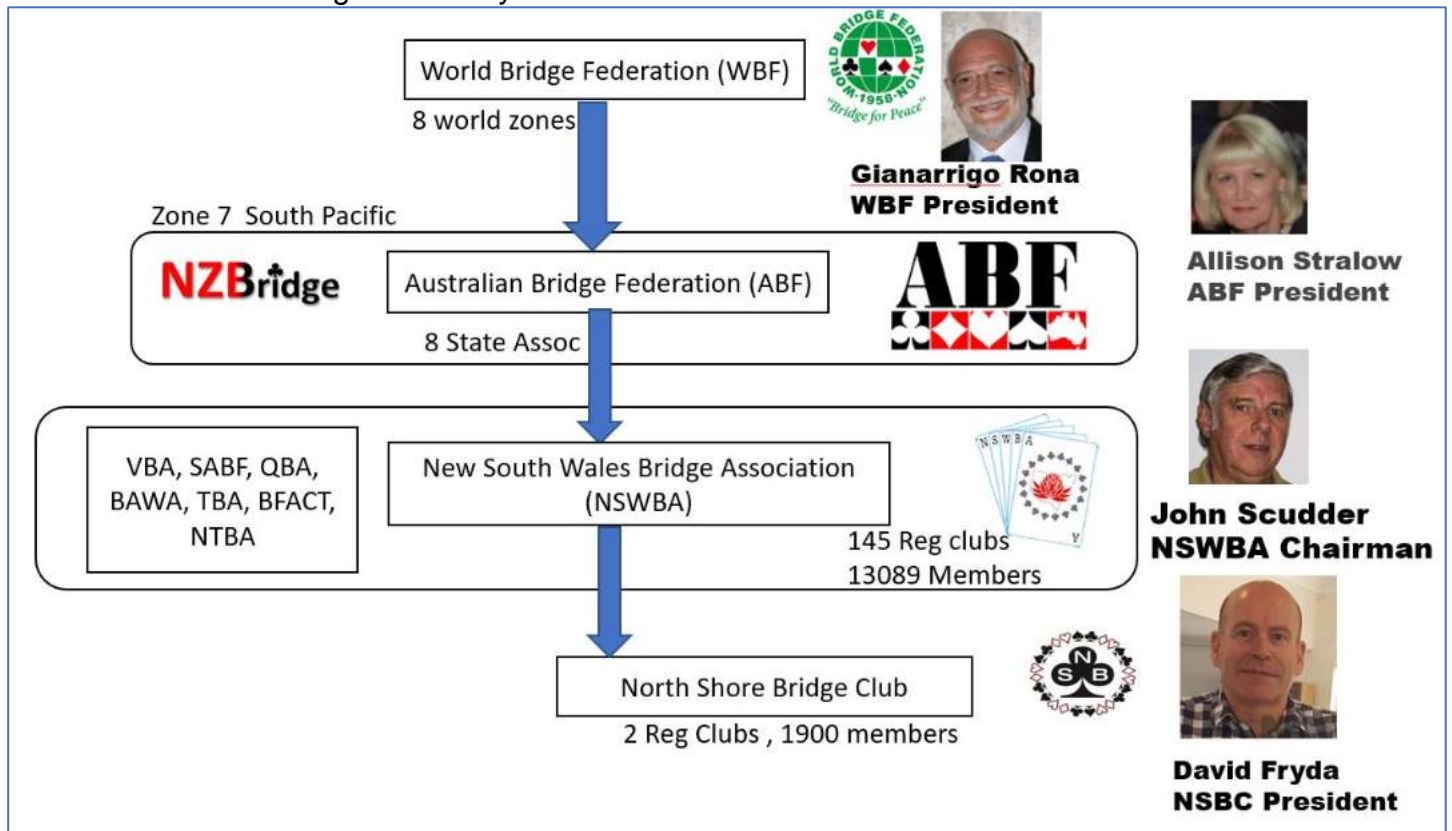
Day	Venue	Cat.	Event		Registration	Play Start
Mon	RB	Open	CLICK HERE FOR LINK	M	10 min before start	10.00 AM
	RB	Open	CLICK HERE FOR LINK	A	10 min before start	1.30 PM
	RB	Rookie	CLICK HERE FOR LINK	A	10 min before start	2:00 PM
	RB	Supervised	CLICK HERE FOR LINK	E	10 min before start	7:00 PM
Tues	RB	Open	CLICK HERE FOR LINK	M	10 min before start	10.00 AM
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Wed	RB	Open	CLICK HERE FOR LINK	M	10 min before start	10.00 AM
	RB	Open	CLICK HERE FOR LINK	A	10 min before start	1.30 PM
	RB	Rookie	CLICK HERE FOR LINK	A	10 min before start	2:00 PM
	RB	Open	CLICK HERE FOR LINK	E	10 min before start	7:00 PM
Thurs	RB	Open	Holidays			Closed
Fri	RB	Open	Holidays			Closed
Sat	RB	Open	Holidays			Closed
Sun	RB	Open	CLICK HERE FOR LINK	A	10 min before start	1:00 PM
Code			M = morning, A = Afternoon, E = Evening			
Venue Codes: RB = Real Bridge, EL/CW = F2F venues						

Our latest web site combined club schedule can be viewed on this link:

<https://www.northshore.bridge-club.org/node/1231>

World Bridge Structure

How we fit into the Bridge Hierarchy.



We are Australia's biggest club with about 1900 members.

